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Reference is made to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application dated August 5, 2004, and in accordance with Rule 1.78 5(i) of the *Patent Rules*, kindly amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.